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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraphs of the specification. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Specification Amendments showing a marked up version of each replacement paragraph.

[0038] The storage container 10 of the present invention allows the apertures of the hinge portion to be formed without the need of a metal rod for forming the apertures. The configuration of the cover 14 and the base 12 illustrated in Figures 03/28/2002 SDENBOB1 00000075 022548 09840278

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